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Four little pigs go to Point Loma in search of fuel pipeline defects

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In late April, FISC San Diego sent a smart pig through the single 8-inch pipeline that runs from its Point Loma Fuel Farm to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

The Point Loma to MCAS Miramar pipeline is buried underground and travels 16.4 miles north through Point Loma along the beach, under paved roads, and through commercial and residential areas. It crosses under Interstate 5, runs through more commercial areas, a wildlife habitat surrounded by canvons, and more residential and commercial zones before crossing Interstate 805 on its way to MCAS Miramar. The pipeline also crosses over the San Diego River and Tecolote Creek, then through Tecolote and Rose Canyons before reaching MCAS Miramar.

The pipeline is made of continuous welded, carbon steel sections. As with any buried carbon steel pipeline, it's

vulnerable to corrosion and a metal loss detection survey must be conducted periodically to determine the extent of corrosion damage. These surveys are known as corrosion anomaly surveys. Since the pipe is buried, the surveys must be conducted from the inside out.

Contrary to popular belief, the FISCSD Fuel Farm does not raise intelligent pigs to run through its pipelines squealing out the location of defects. What it does utilize is an ultrasonic tool commonly referred to in the trade as a "smart pig."

The use of smart pigs is significant because buried piping tends to get corroded spots, holes and cracks when they've been in use for 20 or more years. These smart pigs have

perceptive electronic sensing gear that measures minute defects in the piping. A really smart pig can measure the pipe's wall thickness, depth of the defect, dents, buckles, ripples and defective repairs. A defect in the pipeline wall can be



Dennis Peterson, Code 710 and forklift operator Robert Gonzales, position the smart pig in the launch station. The liquid or gaseous medium of the pipeline itself is what propels the pig to its destination. Photo by Steve Frey

measured from a diameter of 0.39 inches or larger, and the exact depth of the defect can be measured from a diameter of 0.79 inches or larger.

The smart pig utilizes ultra scan sensors to measure the wall thickness. The sensor sends out an ultrasonic pulse signal, which is bounced off and through the pipe wall. The echo from the wall is time measured by perpendicular incidence to determine the size and extent of the internal and external defects.

The smart pig is made up of eight sealed pig bodies and a sensor carrier. All the pig sections are interconnected with universal joints. Each pig body features polyurethane cups at the front and rear ends of the tool. The cups act as a seal and maintain the pig centralized



A sign was placed at the end of the Navy pier so troops returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom would get a "Welcome Home" from FISCSD while pulling into San Diego Bay. Bravo Zulu to BUI Terry Bartlett, FISCSD HAZMAT, and everyone else who helped put the sign together. Photo by Rod Rodriguez

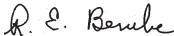


his edition of 'The Network" includes a number of articles about our fuel terminal operations at Point Loma. Congratulations to LCDR Paul Amodio, who recently was named Navy Fuel Officer of the Year for 2003 by the American Petroleum Institute, and to the entire fuel team for being selected as the 2003 API runner-up in the Navy Bulk Fuel Terminals category.

We are now ready to proceed to the next steps in transformation. In either late July or early August, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Regional Commander Support / Commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers will stand up when the incoming flag officer arrives. Many in the command continue to work the fine details of our functional

solutions in the Financial, Contracting, **Inventory Management and Information** Technology areas. It is your hard work that will make our transformation a success. The work of our Internal Transformation Team has become the model that is now being implemented across the NAVSUP enterprise.

I urge you all to continue to be focussed on mission accomplishment and customer alignment. It is both your innovative ideas and your willingness to expend the energy required communicating within and outside the command that sets FISC San Diego apart. I am very proud of your accomplishments and I know you will keep charging!





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FISCSD hosted the NAVSUP Public Affairs Conference April 22-24. PAO representatives are pictured above being given a tour of the Logistics Support Center by Bill Cording, LSC deputy director. Afterwards, the group enjoyed a tour and lunch aboard the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Other conference activities included roundtable discussions on Transformation communications and challenges of ACOS communications, media training, and a course taught by Terri Bratcher, FISCSD training specialist, "Dealing with Angry and Difficult People." Photo by Paul Stuhler

Time and attendance function being decentralized

ue to the availability of the Standard Labor Data Collection and Distribution Application (SLDCADA) as a webbased application, a decision was made to decentralize the input of time and attendance to the departments for individual or timekeeper entry and certification. SLDCADA is being distributed to departments following a three-phase implementation schedule. Codes 001, 005, 007, 008, 030, 040, 060, 070, 080, 090 and 800 began using SLDCADA May 4 for the pay period ending May 17. Codes 100 (less 100D) and 200 will begin using SLDCADA June 1 for the pay period ending June 14; and codes 100D and 700 will begin using SLDCADA July 13 for the pay period ending July 26.

Mandatory training was announced on April 14 for all employees and supervisors. Employees are required to attend the **Employee** training session and supervisors and timekeepers are required to attend the **Certifier** training session. Training attendees will be introduced to SLDCADA as a web-based application, as well as given access information and a users guide. Make up training sessions will be determined by Code 050 and announced in the near future.

During the implementation process, departments are required to continue to use the FISCSD electronic Excel timesheet as the source document for input into SLDCADA; however, the plan is to cease using the timesheet at the end of this calendar year. Further guidance will be forwarded concerning these requirements.



Sabrina Vicars, Code 130, receives a Special Act Award from CDR Beth Howell, Supply Operations Division director. Vicars was recognized, along with three of her co-workers, for her "exemplary work" as noted by the Naval Supply Systems Command Inspector General during the Command Assessment of FISCSD in March 2003.

Frequently Asked Questions about SDLCADA

What is SLDCADA?

SLDCADA is the DON Standard Time and Attendance System. SLDCADA forwards payroll information to Defense Civilian Payroll System and cost accounting information to Defense Business Management System. Managers will be able to view T&A data at their desktop and certify timesheets electronically.

How does SLDCADA affect me?

If you currently fill out the FISCSD electronic Excel timesheet, you will continue to do so for the time being. Upon release of Web SLDCADA Version 22.0, you will just input time and attendance from your source documents (request for leave and overtime) into SLDCADA and the certification report will function as the official time and attendance record. Upgrades to SLDCADA will eventually have a request for leave and request for overtime automated in the system too. Once your time and attendance is input, your supervisor will access it for online certification.

How will this change our current process?

Each department will ultimately decide if the timekeeping process will change and how. Basically, for most employees they will enter exceptions for time and attendance into the SLDCADA system each pay period.

How will access to my record or records for my employees be set up?

Access will be set up based on a supervisor assignment. This means access is grouped based on supervisor responsibility. The Payroll Customer Service Office will be the system administrator for SLDCADA. Supervisor assignments and alternate access has been set up in the system as it exists today. If there are any changes identified at implementation they will be handled at that time.



Reminder

Thrift Savings Plan open season ends June 30!



Occupation: Supply technician, Intermediate Deep Screen, FISCSD ATAC North Island.

Birthplace: I was made in the Philippines, and grew up in Virginia.

I graduated from: City College of San Diego where I obtained an associate's degree with honors in communications, radio and television multimedia. I am presently enrolled in Phoenix University working towards my bachelor's degree in management.

What brought me into civil service: My upbringing led me to seek a career in civil service and my mother suggested that I would benefit from a career in the federal government. That might have been the case then, but as we all know today, maintaining a career is an everyday challenge. My mother wasn't wrong, things just changed.

Hobbies: Photography, videography, filming and tennis.

Nobody knows I am: A lover of Degas paintings.

Pet peeve: Individuals that treat others badly and expect to be treated back with respect.

If I could, I would change: I'd like to take serious time out for my personal life. **Secret to success:** Having the support of family, good friends, and having faith. **If I could do it over:** I would have pursued a college education earlier in life.

I'd give anything to have met: Princess Diana. I've never been able to: Learn how to relax.

The last good book I've read: "Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus," by John Gray, Ph.D.

Favorite quote, motto or phrase: "A life lived helping others is a life worth living," Albert Einstein.

Favorite singer/group: Anastacia.

I wish I could stop: Being on a schedule all the time.

The one thing I like best about myself: I am a very good listener, and if you need a lending hand, I'm there.

I am most proud of: My sweet niece, Elizabeth. She is smart and very adorable! She calls me, "Auntie Mo!"

My most embarrassing moment: I was an extra on a show called, "Midnight Caller" years ago where I played an OR nurse. The director told me to say, 'Stop, you can't go any further!' while touching the leading man on the chest and then fade out into a room. I looked at the director like he was crazy and told him I wasn't going to say the line. Everyone then looked at me like I was crazy for not saying it! So, I just touched the leading man on the chest and faded into the room. I learned later that no one turns down that kind of opportunity! Oh well, and what if....

Pacific Command limits Asia trips due to SARS outbreak

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

Defense Department personnel may make only mission-essential trips to China and Hong Kong because of the threat of severe acute respiratory syndrome, U.S. Pacific Command officials said April 4.

The restriction is consistent with recommendations made by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The U.S. State Department has also issued a travel advisory citing the disease. The travel advisory includes China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Hanoi, Vietnam.

SARS, as it is known, is an infection that seems to spread from close contact. The syndrome was first diagnosed in China and spread to Hong Kong.

Scientists still don't know what sort of virus or bacteria causes the illness, CDC officials said.

There have been more than 2,300 SARS cases reported in 19 countries worldwide. The vast majority of these cases are in Asia with 734 in Hong Kong, 1,190 in China and 59 in Vietnam.

The largest outbreak outside Asia is 178 cases in Canada. There were 85 reported cases in the United States. A total of 79 people have died from the syndrome worldwide.

According to CDC, the main symptoms of SARS are high fever over 100 degrees, dry cough and shortness of breath or breathing difficulties. SARS may be associated with other symptoms, including headache, muscular stiffness, loss of appetite, malaise, confusion, rash and diarrhea.

The Pacific Command restriction is temporary. The limitation applies to all military and civilian DoD personnel. DoD civilians, their families and family members of military personnel may travel to these areas for leave purposes, but are advised to take additional precautions.

NAVSUP Corporate Board to be restructured

As a result of its Transformation initiative, NAVSUP's Corporate Board will undergo an organizational change in structure.

Membership size will decrease to about half the current size, representing a cross-section of NAVSUP's major stakeholder groups, while capitalizing on NAVSUP's transformed organizational structure.

A balance of headquarters and field personnel, combined with a balance of senior military and civilian leadership will make the Board more agile and responsive.

"Given the organizational changes that have occurred or are occurring as a result of our Transformation initiative, changing the Corporate Board's structure will allow us to leverage those changes and deliver better support to our customers," said RADM Justin D. McCarthy, Commander, NAVSUP.

At this time, the Corporate Board is expected to meet quarterly, with additional meetings as required. Additionally, plans are to have an annual NAVSUP Senior Leadership

Conference, in which all commanding officers and their senior civilians would attend. The meetings will be held at major fleet concentration areas to continue the practice of having senior leadership align directly with NAVSUP customers.

The Board's internal stakeholders include all seven NAVSUP Assistant Chiefs of Staff, specifically the ACOS for Regional Commander Support (COMFISCs); ACOS for Operational Commanders Support (CO NOLSC); ACOS for Industrial, Acquisition, and International Logistics Support (CO NAVICP); ACOS for Navy Family Support (CO NEXCOM); and the ACOS for Operating Forces Support (COMNAVSUPSYSCOM).

In addition, all NAVSUP Senior Executive Service members, the commanding officers of the Office of Special Projects and the Navy Supply Information Systems Activity, and the Executive Director and Executive Officer of NOLSC will be on the Board (the latter as the primary enterprise voice for Marine Corps logistics support).

Selected NAVSUP senior staff

members will also be members of the Board. These include the Vice Commander (Chief of Staff when the Vice Commander position is vacant), Public Affairs Officer, Deputy Commander for Fleet Logistics Operations, Chief Contracting Officer, and the Chief Financial Officer.

Board members representing key external stakeholders will include representatives from the Naval Air Systems Command, the Naval Sea Systems Command, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (N41), Commander Fleet Forces Command, Commander Navy Installations, and the senior Supply Corps Reserve Flag.

These changes in the Corporate Board structure will be effective July 1, 2003.

The Corporate Board, established in 2001, is a key decision-making and corporate leadership body. The Board creates and maintains the Strategic Plan, reviews and approves recommendations regarding objectives' priorities and annual funding, and conducts activity management reviews (AMRs).

DoD and USA Freedom Corps launch "On the Home Front"

Special news release from the U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced recently it has teamed with the USA Freedom Corps to launch "On The Home Front," a new resource for people seeking to support our troops, their families and their communities in meaningful ways.

Although there is a long tradition of writing letters and sending care packages to troops stationed away from home, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to service members forward-deployed.

To minimize delays and complications in sending support, DoD recommends using the following:

- Operation Dear Abby. Send e-mail messages to deployed troops of any service from your home state via http://anyservicemember.navy.mil.
 - Defend America. Sign an online thank you card for troops at http://defendamerica.mil/nmam.html.
- Operation USA Care Package. Contribute to the purchase of a care package of items forwarded to troops such as sunscreen, disposable cameras, prepaid calling cards and toiletries via http://www.usocares.org/home.

Military families may also need extra help in meeting basic home and family needs during the deployment of a loved one.

There are many ways individuals, organizations and businesses can offer their time and resources to help. Some of these opportunities now available through the USA Freedom Corps' new "On the Home Front" Web resource. They

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During peak season, PPSO requiring online scheduling of moves within CONUS

Summer is the peak season for military household goods move scheduling at the FISC San Diego Personnel Property Shipping Office. So to help customers get the move dates they want and reduce wait time at the PPSO, FISCSD is requiring customers moving within the Continental United States to use the Navy's web-based move application and entitlement counseling program, SMART WebMove at www.smartwebmove.navsup.navy.mil.

SMART*WebMove* is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from home, work, on board ship or anywhere Sailors have Internet access. The program provides active-duty Navy service members with customized entitlement counseling based on individual Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders and government regulations. It allows preparation of move arrangements for up to three shipments with a single application and direct delivery of the move application to the PPSO. No travel or office visit is required.

Customers can arrange a move online using a computer with a minimum of a 486 processor running Netscape Navigator 4.75 or Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher. SMART WebMove may work on

other configurations but the above is best.

PPSO customers may also use the SMART WebMove computer lab located in building 3376, Naval Station San Diego (32nd Street), next to the Family Housing Office. The computer lab has 16 workstations and is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday. A move counselor is available to assist with SWM system or entitlement questions. The facility also has ample seating and customers are encouraged to bring their spouses.

During the summer peak season, local commercial moving companies quickly become saturated and their capacity to accept moves on many peak summer days can be extremely limited. "Moving companies obligate their resources on a first-come, first-served basis," explained PPSO director Wayne Franklin. "As a general rule, the last

week of the month is the busiest time for moves. Our experience during previous summer peak seasons has shown that choice moving dates fill up very fast."

Customers are being encouraged to contact the PPSO as soon as possible after receipt of orders to schedule an appointment. "The PPSO requires at least 30 days before requested pack and pick up dates to arrange a move," said Franklin. "We are also advising customers to keep move date changes to a minimum since carriers are so fully booked, they usually cannot accommodate short-notice changes during the summer months."

As an added service to customers, the PPSO posts general information on household goods and helpful topics for getting ready for a move on the FISCSD Web site home page at www.sd.fisc.navy.mil under Personal Property.



"On the Home Front"

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include: Local chapters of the American Legion, American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA, Camp Fire USA, National 4-H Council, National Fraternal Congress of America, The Salvation Army, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of the USA.

These groups are among those working with National Guard and Reserve units, as well as with military bases, to match volunteers with families needing help in areas such as household repairs, spring cleanings or tutoring.

Volunteers can also help families with specialized skills like major repairs, financial planning or legal services. Some of these organizations are also helping to take care of children after school and on the weekends.

Individuals can also make a difference at home by reaching out to share their time and compassion with veterans to say "thank you" for their service to our country and by volunteering with a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital or other facility.

Volunteer resources opportunities are available by phone at 1-877-USA-CORPS or online at www.usafreedomcorps.gov.



As Americans, it is important to show respect for our flag. In honor of Flag Day, June 14, here are a few rules on flag etiquette to keep in mind:

- * No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, state flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.
- * The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- * The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.
- * The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free
- * The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.
- * The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way
- * The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.
- * The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture or drawing of any nature.
- * The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.
- * The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner



T Jerome Dixon started his naval career at the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, R.I. A Florida native, he was quickly acclimated to cold weather and geese.

Dixon graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in general engineering. After graduation, he spent six months as an assistant coach with the U.S. Naval Academy football team before attending Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Ga.

Upon completion of the Navy Supply Corps School Basic Qualification Course, he reported to USS *Clark* (FFG 11) where he performed duties as disbursing and sales officer. During this tour, he completed a Great Lakes cruise and after six months onboard he received his designation as a qualified Supply Corps Surface Warfare Officer.

After spending a year onboard USS *Clark* (FFG 11), the ship was decommissioned so Dixon was assigned to USS *Curtis* (FFG 38) as the supply officer and food service officer. During that tour, he was fortunate enough to do another "show the flag" type deployment by completing Combined Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) where he was able to work with foreign supply officers from Singapore and the Philippines.

Currently, LT Dixon is attached to FISC San Diego as the assistant supply officer responsible for the logistic oversight and support of FISCSD's SIMA site maintenance workcenters and detachments.

His personal decorations include a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and a Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal.

Hobbies include most sports, jazz and blues concerts, weightlifting, billiards and attempts at salsa dancing.

whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.

* No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firefighters, police officers and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

* The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Military News

Navy MWR announces amusement park salutes to the military

Ingrid Mueller

Navy MWR Communications Group

ailors and their families can take advantage of free or discounted tickets to several world-renowned theme parks as part of the 2003 Amusement Park Salutes to the Military.

Anheuser Busch - SeaWorld/ Busch Garden Theme Parks "Heroes Salute," May 23-Nov. 11, 2003. Free one-day admission to all Anheuser-Busch theme parks, including SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active-duty military, active Reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and as many as four of their direct family members. Must obtain form from ITT. For details, please visit www.seaworld.com.

Universal - Orlando "Military Appreciation Program – Bonus Pass," May 13-Dec. 19, 2003. Free five-day bonus pass for active-duty military, Reservists, and National Guard. The bonus pass is valid for Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure for a five-day period from the first day of visit. This pass also includes the City Walk Party Pass. Military ID must be presented to the front gate admissions to obtain this special pass. Additional family and friends: Up to five people can purchase the bonus pass at a 50 percent discount of \$50, plus tax. Military spouses with a military ID may purchase this pass if the active member is still overseas. For more information, call 1-800-232-7827 or visit www.universalorlando.com.

Disney - Disneyland/California Adventure "Disney's Armed Forces Salute," May 12-Dec. 19, 2003. Free three-day ticket good for admission to both Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure parks. Active U.S. military personnel may make a one time purchase of three-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets during the offer period for up to five family members (including spouse) or friends for \$39 each. For complete details, go to www.disneyland.com/military.

Disney - Disney World, Florida "Disney's Armed Forces Salute," May 12-Dec. 19, 2003. Free five-day ticket good for admission into the Walt Disney World theme parks, two Disney water parks, Pleasure Island and more. Each active member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary five-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket during the offer period. During this same period, active military personnel may also make a one-time purchase of this same ticket for \$99, plus tax, for up to five family members (including spouse) or friends. For complete details, go to www.disneyland.com/military. "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" theme park tickets can be obtained only at main entrance ticket windows. Active military personnel (or, if they are not present, their spouses) must present proper military identification.

To purchase the tickets for family members or friends, the service member must show the complimentary ticket issued to them. Activated members of the National Guard or Reservists (or, if they are not present, their spouses) must also show active duty orders. Tickets for family members or friends may be purchased only by the active service member or spouse, not both. Last day of use on "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" theme park tickets is no later than Dec. 19, 2003. A valid ID may be required for admission. This offer may not be combined with any other offer. Walt Disney Parks and Resorts ticket information is available at military base ticket offices.

Disney Cruises "Disney's Armed Forces Salute," June 19-Dec. 18, 2003. Disney Cruise Line is extending special rates to active military personnel. Disney Cruise Line offers seven-night cruise vacations to the eastern and western Caribbean, and three and fournight cruises to the Bahamas. On select

sailings from June 19-Aug. 24, rates start at \$379 for a three-night cruise, \$429 for a four-night cruise and \$799 for a seven-night cruise. On select sailings from Aug. 28-Dec. 18, rates start at \$349 for a three-night cruise, \$399 for a four-night cruise and \$599 for a seven-night cruise. All rates are valid for standard inside staterooms. The number of staterooms available at these special rates is limited.

For more information or to book a Disney Cruise Line vacation, military personnel can call Disney Cruise Line at (888) 325-2500.

For information on additional discounts on hotels, air fares and other amusement parks, please contact your local ITT Office or visit Navy MWR's Web site.

Uniformed Services TSP open season ends June 30

The Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan open season began April 15 and ends June 30.

During this open season, service members may elect to contribute to the TSP up to 8 percent of their basic pay that is earned for each pay period. As before, members may contribute from incentive or special pay (to include bonuses) provided the member is contributing from basic pay.

Members may use the TSP enrollment form (TSP-U-1) to enroll through their servicing finance office, or they may use the online DFAS self-serve program ("myPay") to enroll.

Members of the Ready Reserve in any pay status may elect to participate in the program. Additionally, members of the Ready Reserve who are called to active duty for a period of more than 30 days may elect to contribute to the program within 60 days of the change in status.

Amodio named Fuel Officer of the Year

ear Admiral Justin D. McCarthy, Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, announced that LCDR Paul Amodio has been selected as the Navy Fuel Officer of the Year for 2003 by the American Petroleum Institute, an internationally recognized petroleum trade organization.

Amodio, a 1999 VADM Robert F. Batchelder award winner, is the director of FISC San Diego's Fuel Management Department. He holds a master's degree in business administration in petroleum management from Kansas University.

API awards recognize activities and personnel that made the most significant contributions to the Department of the Navy bulk fuel operations, petroleum supply chain management, and fleet fuel support.

FISC Puget Sound was the 2003 API award winner in the Navy Bulk

Fuel Terminals category. FISCSD was the runnerup in that category.

"The awards celebrate the daily accomplishments of countless professionals involved in the naval petroleum supply chain who can take pride in the vast amount of hard work, dedication and professionalism displayed in supporting our warfighters on a daily McCarthy, "Congratulating and professional supporting our warfighters on a daily McCarthy, "Congratulating and supporting our warfighters on a daily McCarthy, "Congratulating account of the support of t

our warfighters on a daily basis," said McCarthy. "Congratulations and best wishes to all."

Amodio's other personal awards include qualification as Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer and Naval Aviation Supply Officer, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals.



FISCSD's Fuel Management Department director, LCDR Paul Amodio, is the Navy Fuel Officer of the Year for 2003. Photo by Steve Frey

The Batchelder award program, established in 1983 by the Navy League of the United States, is an annual award intended to enhance operational readiness by public and official recognition of the Supply Corps officer or officers who make exceptional contributions to supply readiness.

Naval Postgraduate School offers two online graduate certificates

The Naval Postgraduate School is offering two online graduate certificates: Information Systems and Operations (ISO); and Information Systems
Technology (IST). The four course certificates constitute one academic quarter's requirement toward the inresidence master's of science degree in those fields. These accredited graduate courses should also be accepted by most other colleges.

There are a limited number of sponsored seats. Students may enroll in one course per quarter and the only cost to them will be to purchase books. The summer quarter will begin on July 7.

The ISO Certificate Program is offering *Space Technology and Applications*. The IST Certificate Program is offering: *Introduction to Information Technology Management*.

These courses are entirely webbased, and reliable Internet access is a must. They are fully accredited graduate courses, and are as rigorous as those in the in-residence program. Students should expect to spend 10-15 hours per week on course work.

Course quotas are filled on a first-come, first-served basis within the following priorities: (1) active-duty Navy URL officers; (2) Navy active-duty, drilling reserve (must be sponsored by Reserve HQ), and civilian personnel with BA/BS degrees; and (3) other DoD members with BA/BS degrees.

For additional information, go to http://www.nps.navy.mil and click on Distributed Learning, then click on the appropriate certificate and course.

To enroll in summer courses, contact Dr. Bob Barrios-Choplin at jchoplin@nps.navy.mil or at (619) 556 3282

JO Career Day presentations, latest CHOPTALK now online

The Junior Officer Career Day presentations are now available on the REDCOM Mid-Atlantic Web page at www.redcom6.navy.mil. As an added bonus, the latest CHOPTALK newsletter is also available at the same location.

On the left side of REDCOM's main page, there is a "Supply" icon. Click on it and you are at the page with the Junior Officer Career Day and CHOPTALK folders.

If you have trouble accessing the information, contact LCDR Patrick Cook, REDCOM Mid-Atlantic logistics officer at cookpa@cnrf.navy.mil or (202) 433-6336.

FISCSD announces new non-monetary "You Make A Difference" recognition program

Joe Zakocs

FISCSD Admin. Support Officer

With the adoption of our new NAVSUP logo, FISC San Diego has decided to establish a new nonmonetary recognition program, "You Make A Difference."

The program is designed to afford employees a means of recognizing individuals/groups for efforts or projects that go beyond one's daily tasking. It is open to all civil service employees, and recognition may be peer-to-peer, subordinate-to-supervisor, or supervisor-to-subordinate. The program requires supervisor/team leader approval and there is a limit of two awards per employee during a fiscal year.

The NAVSUP logo will appear on all items awarded under the "You Make A Difference" program.

The first shipment of the new merchandise has just arrived and Code 070 is ready to issue them to outstanding individuals and groups.

New items include portfolio organizers (black), stadium blankets (royal, mid-heather or red), expandable

briefcases (hunter green or black), portable chairs (red, blue or green), coaches jackets (navy or hunter green), ladies' cool mesh sport shirts (white or navy), men's knit sport shirts (navy or dill), and backpacks (black or hunter green). You can view these items on the FISCSD Employee Extranet at https:// Extranet.sd.fisc.navy.mil by clicking the Non-Monetary Award Catalogue link on the home page.

To nominate someone for a "You Make A Difference" award, you need an official nomination form available on the Extranet on both the home and library pages. Click on the Forms and Templates link. This opens a list of the FISCSD standard forms. Click on the Non-Monetary "You Make A Difference" Recognition Program link. To download the easy automated form, click on the form (MSWord icon) link and follow the instructions for downloading to your local drive. The form allows you to list one individual or a whole group.

Employees are asked to complete the nomination through the online process. To complete your nomination,

fill in the required information, including the specific reason why the individual/ group is being recognized, then forward the completed form as an e-mail attachment to a supervisor/team leader for authorization. The supervisor/team leader will forward the completed "You Make A Difference" nomination form as an attachment to the program e-mail address: FISCSD You Make A Difference for processing. Upon receipt of the nomination form, Code 074 will issue a nonmonetary certificate to the supervisor/team leader for distribution to the individual or group being recognized.

Award recipients can redeem their "You Make A Difference" certificates at Code 074, Broadway building 1, 3rd floor, any Tuesday or Thursday from 1-3 p.m. An award certificate must be redeemed within 30 days of the date on the certificate.

For more information on the program, please see FISCSDINST 12451.4, Non-Monetary "You Make A Difference" Recognition Program on the Extranet Library page under the FISCSD Instructions link.



Flash from the Chief

DoD EMALL is One-Stop Support for the Warfighter

The DoD EMALL is a single entry point for buyers to find

and acquire commercial off-the-shelf goods from suppliers and government sources. What's more, the DoD EMALL is an option for purchasers to obtain supplies, parts, and commercial IT products using the purchase card.

The DoD EMALL has more than 12 million consumable items available and more items are being added continuously. Users can access DoD

EMALL through One Touch Support (OTS) using a single sign on.

The DoD EMALL fully supports Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) programs, and identifies goods from mandatory sources. Customers can also identify qualified environmentally friendly items, and certified NSN equivalent items.

DoD EMALL features a wide range of functions including an advanced search capability, express shopping lists, saved shopping carts, payment options, and national and regional catalogs. On-Demand Manufacturing is a new DoD EMALL feature that allows customers to

contact suppliers who do not have an existing goods inventory.

All NAVSUP purchasers should look at DoD EMALL (www.emall.dla.mil) and see how it can help them complete our mission, by reducing prices, improving delivery, and increasing accuracy.

To learn more about the DoD EMALL, contact Betty Magaro at 717-605-3706 or DSN 430-3706, e-mail betty.magaro@navy.mil.

I encourage you to try DoD EMALL to fill your day-to-day non-standard requirements.

Individual Development Plans What's the Big Deal?

Ann Breautigam

Director, FISCSD Workforce Development

You may have noticed your supervisor asking you more often about how you are doing on your Individual Development Plan. That's because NAVSUP headquarters recently revised the reporting requirement for how well IDPs are being executed from annually to quarterly. So supervisors must now review the IDPs of all their employees every 90 days to ensure that training is being completed as planned and the IDP is documented to reflect it.

Your IDP is a tool for identifying your training and development needs in a systematic way. It provides a method to plan training and learning experiences to enhance specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Don't just think of development in terms of formal training courses. Often people learn better if their development includes a variety of learning methods. Training classes, seminars, online learning, on-the-job training, independent readings, details, rotational assignments and other career programs can be identified as methods of meeting your learning needs.

IDPs are set up at the beginning of the fiscal year. You meet with your supervisor and discuss your career goals and development needs, then document them in your IDP. Your training should be related to your current position or other anticipated needs in support of the command's mission.

The IDP form also has a section for mandatory training requirements (Safety, Security, Information Assurance and Prevention of Sexual Harassment) and independent study, where you can document things you do on your own time for self-development.

Typically, IDPs were reviewed midyear to identify changes and document progress. With the new NAVSUP requirement, you will be reviewing your IDP every quarter.

In fiscal year 2003, the development and execution of IDPs was added as a performance element for all supervisors in the NAVSUP claimancy.

IDP forms for both civilian and military personnel are located on the FISCSD Extranet under Training. After completing the form electronically, print out a hard copy that should be signed and dated by both employee and supervisor, and kept on file throughout the year.

If you have any questions about the IDP talk to your supervisor or contact FISCSD Training at (619) 532-2038.



FISC San Diego Training Calendar for July 2003

To enroll in any of the following classes call (619) 532-2038 (DSN 522) or send an e-mail to fiscsd_training@sd.fisc.navy.mil. Supervisory approval is required.

For more information on training courses and programs, online learning, and your training record, log on to the FISCSD Employee Extranet at https://Extranet.sd.fisc.navy.mil/training_set.html.

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

July 8-10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. BDWY Bldg. 1, 3rd Fl., Nautical Room

Developing Your Resume for Automated Systems

July 15, 8-11:30 a.m. or 12-3:30 p.m. (Pick one session).

BDWY Bldg. 1, 3rd Fl., Pacific Room.

Coaching Techniques

July 17, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BDWY Bldg. 1, 3rd Fl., Eagle Room

Time Management

July 22, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.

BDWY Bldg. 1, 3rd Fl., Nautical Room

Building Winning Teams

July 23, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BDWY Bldg. 1, 3rd Fl., Pacific Room.

Writing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

July 30, 8-10 a.m.

BDWY Bldg. 1, 3rd Fl., Synergy Center



Rosa Downing, Code 112, and her son participated in the annual "Take Your Child to Work Day" held at FISCSD on April 24. Children had the opportunity to "shadow" their sponsors at their work spaces for the day to see what their work world is like. Photo by Lisa Miller

May Captain's Call What you wanted to know

Below are responses to some of the questions from the *May Captain's Calls*. These and other responses to questions you asked are posted on the FISCSD Employee Extranet home page https://
Extranet.sd.fisc.navy.mil/index.html.
Click on the 'Ask the CO' graphic in the left hand column, and then 'May 03 Captain's Calls Qs&As.'

Are GS-1106s going away? As a position classification, the GS-1106 series is not going away, nor will all GS-1106 positions within FISCSD Code 200. To facilitate transformation, the number of GS-1106 positions in Code 200 is being reduced from 11 to seven positions. The seven positions are comprised of three positions at the Broadway Customer Service Desk: one position in the Acquisition and Business Support Division; and three positions in support of Contract Close-Out. There will no longer be GS-1106 positions assigned to provide dedicated support to the Contract Operations Division or site locations.

How many positions are affected by the Retail Supply A-76 study? The Retail Supply A-76 Study involves 365 positions at

FISCSD. For additional information on the Retail Supply A-76, or to share ideas, go to the Extranet home page https://Extranet.sd.fisc.navy.mil/index.html, click "Go To" then "Retail Supply A-76 Info."

What are the positions (grades/ series) available in the Financial Management and Lead Contract Executive areas? The LCE positions to be filled are Supervisory Procurement Analyst, GS-1102-15; Procurement Analyst, GS-1102-14; and Procurement Analyst, GS-1102-13. The **FM** positions are Supervisory Budget Analyst, GS-560-13; Lead Budget Analyst, GS-560-12; Supervisory Financial Program Analyst, GS-501-12; Financial Program Analyst, GS-560-12; Senior Budget Analyst, GS-560-11; Budget Analyst, GS-560-09; Financial Program Analyst, GS-501-09; Budget Technician, GS-561-07; Financial Program Technician, GS-503-07; and Budget Technician, GS-561-06. In addition, an IT Specialist (Security), GS-2210-12 position will be filled. Consistent with the enterprise transition plan, positions will first be announced for lateral reassignment opportunities with the NAVSUP enterprise.

Notice to employees in exclusive bargaining units Right to representation

Pursuant to Section 7114(a)(2) of Title V U.S. Code, and amended by the Civil Service Reform Act (P.L. 95-454), this is to inform you that the Exclusive Union must be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of an employee in the bargaining unit by a representative of management in connection with an investigation if the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and the employee requests representation.

"Gift of Groceries" on hot list to help military families

Bonnie Powell

Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

One of the best gifts you can give a U.S. service member deployed overseas might be peace of mind.

The Department of Defense is discouraging the general public from sending unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to forward-deployed service members. Take care of the families back home instead with the "Gift of groceries" - commissary gift certificates.

"Our priority is to get these gift certificates to the families of service members wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom," said Jim Weiskopf of Fisher House Foundation.

The program began in the fall of 2002 as a way for family and friends to buy gift certificates for loved ones in the military, but chaplains' funds and other military installation charities started using it as a convenient way to help local military families during the holidays.

"Gift of groceries" is made possible through a business agreement with CertifiChecks Inc. at no cost to DeCA or the federal government. A standard charge of \$4.95 covers the costs of handling, printing and mailing of gift certificates. Additional charges may apply for bulk orders or special delivery.

Information on how to donate gift certificates can be found online at www.commissaries.com, or by calling toll free (877) 770-4438.



Frequently Asked Questions about myPay (formerly E/MSS)

What are the features of myPay?

- ·View, print and save leave and earnings statements
 - ·View and print tax statements
- ·Change federal and state tax withholdings
- ·Update bank account and electronic transfer information
 - ·Make allotments
 - ·Make address changes
 - ·Purchase U.S. Savings Bonds
 - ·View and print travel vouchers
- ·Update Thrift Savings Plan Enrollment

How do I access myPay?

Use your existing E/MSS PIN to log on at mypay.dfas.mil.

Need a new PIN?

Civilians and active or retired military personnel receive PINs by mail.

If you need a new PIN, just click "need new PIN", from the Web site. Then, once you receive your PIN by mail, log on and try it out.

How easy is myPay?

MyPay's new design helps you find the information and complete transactions you want in just three clicks. Available around the clock, myPay means not waiting in lines or holding on the phone. With clear confirmation messages, myPay means confidence in knowing your pay is going where it should, when it should.

Why use myPay?

As a DoD employee, you will have unprecedented control over your pay account. You'll have immediate access to your information and can change your pay preferences on line which saves time and money.

How safe is myPay?

The unique combination of SSN, PIN and DoD specific telephone number needed to access myPay ensures a secure environment. You can access it from work or at home.

Is assistance available?

Yes, help is always available for myPay online. You can also call customer support at 1-800-390-2348, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Eastern time for assistance.

Can the PIN be changed?

Yes, you can change your PIN online in myPay. To change your PIN, select the "Change PIN" option from the main menu.

NAVSUP Bulletin Board transitioned to Web

The NAVSUP Bulletin Board system has been transitioned to the World Wide Web and is available for use through your Internet browser, with Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) or your Netscape browser. The Bulletin Boards are available at https://bbs.navsup.navy.mil.

A document entitled, "NAVSISA Web Bulletin Board Users Guide," that describes how you, the user, can access the bulletin boards using your browser, has been posted to the FISCSD Extranet Library page under Instructions/Directives.

Please take time to try this access method to the Bulletin Boards so that you will not miss any important messages that are posted there. As always, if you experience any problems, please contact the NAVSISA Help Desk at 717-605-7602.

Mishap reporting info available online

A two-page document titled "Mishap Investigation Reporting" is posted on the FISCSD Employee Extranet. The document contains information on reporting of mishaps.

Mishaps include injuries, property damage, and motor vehicles. Mishap reporting requirements for both civilian and military personnel are provided along with important Region Safety phone numbers.

To access this document, go to the FISCSD Employee Extranet at https:// Extranet.sd.fisc.navy.mil/index.html. On the home page, scroll all the way down on the left-hand side to 'Services.' Under Services, click on 'Mishap Info.'



ADM Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, speaks to surface warship Sailors of USS Mobile Bay (CG 53), USS Benfold (DDG 65) and USS Shiloh (CG 67) during an "All Hands" Call at Naval Base San Diego on May 16. Photo by Chief Photographer's Mate Johnny Bivera

Bravo Zulu

Power's quick action potentially averts much larger fuel spill

n the morning of April 9, Rand Power was standing hose watch on load arm number 5 while Navy barge 091 was offloading fuel. As a fuel distribution worker at FISC San Diego's Fuel Depot, Power's responsibility is to make sure that the hose watch system is properly connected and nothing is leaking. If a problem occurs, it is the hose

watcher's responsibility to immediately shut down operations and notify the proper personnel.

Shortly after starting the defueling operation that morning, Rand noticed a crewmember on the barge fidgeting with the valve vent controls. As soon as the crewmember moved the controls, fuel began to spurt out of the vent valve spraying the barge and spilling



fuel into San Diego Bay. Powers immediately closed the valve at his end shutting down the entire operation. Power's quick action helped prevent a much larger fuel spill than ½ pint and a potentially much bigger ecological problem.

As a result of his efforts, Powers was nominated for a Special Act Award from the Fuel Depot's director and

Rand Power, Code 710, receives a Special Act Award from CAPT Ray Berube for his efforts in standing hose watch at the Fuel Depot on April 9. Power's quick action to shut down operations prevented what could have been a much larger ecological problem.

deputy director, LCDR Paul Amodio and Steve Frey.

"Rand Power epitomizes the reactions expected from any one of the 24 people working at the Fuel Depot," Frey said. "His efforts illustrate all the training, care and hard work that goes into each of the more than 700 hundred fueling operations that take place annually at the fuel farm."

Amodio added, "Rand Power is consistently one of the diligent and hard-working people at the fuel farm. His attentiveness and proactive hose watch standing truly paid dividends by narrowly avoiding a potentially larger financial and ecological situation."





CAPT Harry Davis congratulates Gracie Andrews, formerly of Code 30, on her retirement after 33 years of federal service. Andrews retired as a senior systems analyst and recently led a special team to help automate the billing process of the Personal Property Department, the results of which will benefit the Navy for a long time.

Bravo Zulu



Ayda Payne, Code 130, receives a Bravo Zulu from CDR Beth Howell, Supply Operations Division director, for receiving a Special Act Award.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to **LT Jim Dorff**, Code 100D, and his wife, Dani, on the birth of their daughter, Madison Rae, on May 10.

Congratulations to **SK2(SW)** Anthony **Hinds**, FISCSD's SIMA site, and his wife, Donna, on the birth of their son, Preston Nicholas, on April 24.
Congratulations to **SKC(SW/AW) Karin Mooth**, FISCSD's SIMA site, on the birth of her daughter, Lyndsey, on April 17.

Letter of Appreciation Carl Mahanay, Code 100D, for support and teamwork provided to Naval Air Depot North Island during their recently held change of

command.

Nannette Davis, Kim Longstaff,

Susan Civitillo and Rod Rodriguez,

Code 005, for hosting the Naval

Supply Systems Command's annual

Public Affairs Conference.

Letter of Commendation SK1(SW) Rodney Ridenour, SK1(SW) Jose Median, SK2(SW) Teodora Tapia, SK2 Horatio Green, SK2(SW/AW) Felicia Nelson, SK2 Maria Delgado, SK2(SW/AW) Armie Aguiluz, BU1 Terry Bartlett and **SK2(SW)** Anthony Hinds, FISCSD's SIMA site, for serving as key persons for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund Drive 2003.

SK3 Jacqueline Bautista, FISCSD's SIMA site, for performance of duties as a quality assurance and inventory storekeeper from September 2002 to June 2003.

Bravo Zulu Message

Marino Camia, Code 112, for dedicated support provided to USS *Mobile Bay* (CG 53) during her recent nine-month deployment.

FISCSD LSC Team, especially Marino Camia, Code 112, Barbara Amster, FISCSD Legal, amd Rick Uddenberg, US Foods, for enabling USS *Mobile Bay* (CG 53) to perform flawlessly while deployed and support for her nostalgic homecoming.

Special Act Award

Deyana Caldwell, Darlow McCullough, Sabrina Vicars and Ada Payne, Code 130, for being recognized for their "exemplary work" by the NAVSUP IG during the Command Assessment of FISCSD in March 2003.



Larry Vasquez retired after 20 years dedicated service in the U.S. Navy and 21 years in civil service. CAPT Ray Berube presents Vasquez with the traditional FISCSD plaque as a token of appreciation for his many years of dedicated and professional service.



LCDR Tiffany Schad, Code 100D, is congratulated by CAPT Ray Berube for becoming Level II certified in the contracting career field as part of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act.

Advancements
EO2 Aaron Brady
CE2 Herrold Flauta
SK1 Willie McCain, Jr.
SK1 David Momberg
SK1 Sand Watkins

Retirements

Loreto Vasquez, 41 years Teofilo Cruzado, 34 years Gracie Andrews, 33 years

> Reenlistments SK1(SW) Elton Truesdale SHCS(SW) Jesus Garcia

Meritorious Service Medal CDR Clifford Noe, Supply Chain Management director, for outstanding service from August 2001 to June 2003.

CDR Randall Grau, NADEP North Island site director, for outstanding service from September 2001 to June 2003.

Navy and Marine Corps
Commendation Medal
LT Jim Dorff, Code 100D, for service as financial officer, FISCSD, from May 2001 to June 2003.

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Four little pigs

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within the pipeline. The first two pig modules contain batteries that provide its source of energy. The third pig module contains the transmitter and receiver unit for the pig tracking and reference marker settings. The fifth module contains the microprocessor system for processing and collecting the data. The sixth module contains the odometer used to measure the distance and location of the discovered defects in the pipeline. The seventh and eighth modules contain the ultrasound sensor electronics that control transmission and reception of the ultrasonic signals.

The smart pig's sole purpose is to detect and locate anomalies in the pipe wall, which may represent a significant risk to the safe operations of the pipeline. The ultrasound sensors can withstand extreme pressures and are corrosion resistant. All the ultrasound data gathered during the inspection are digitized and stored in a mass storage unit within the pig modules. Since the data are stored in a compressed form, long pipeline sections in excess of 80 miles can be recorded in a single inspection. Individual run records can be retrieved from the compressed data during the data interpretation phase.

Time-based marking systems are employed at predetermined locations along the pipeline. The markers receive a magnetic transmission from the passing pig to let the technicians know exactly where the pig is relative to projected expectations. Over an 80-mile run, this marking system, along with the smart pig's odometer, is able to pinpoint a defect within a plus or minus 8 inches of the actual defect location.

The pig also determines its rotational position inside the pipeline

Enterprise News Briefs

Supply Corps **Captain Jerrold Twigg** has been named the prospective commanding officer of the newly formed **Naval Operational Logistics Support Center**. It is intended for NOLSC to be headquartered in Norfolk to align the command with both the Fleet Forces Command and the Joint Forces Command with which it will maintain close relations in support of forward-deployed operating forces. The three functional subcomponents of NOLSC (petroleum management, transportation management, and ammunition management) will continue to function in their current locations as divisions of this new command.

Supply Corps Captains **Michael J. Lyden**, **Martin J. Brown** and **William A. Kowba** have been selected for promotion to the one-star rank of Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

Command Master Chief (Surface Warfare/Air Warfare) Daniel Warner has been selected as the next CNO-directed Command Master Chief for NAVSUP.

The responsibility for the Department of Navy Government Commercial Credit Card Program has transitioned from the NAVSUP Contracting Management Directorate (SUP02) to the DON eBusiness Operations Office. This transition effectively brings all responsibility for program management, policy and day-to-day operations together under one umbrella within the EBUSOPSOFF.

NAVSUP headquarters announced that the Navy will retain in-house the Retail Supply operations of **FISC Norfolk's Washington detachment**, which provides supply support to the Naval District Washington. The decision is the result of a competitive study conducted in accordance with the OMB Circular A-76.

NAVSUP headquarters realigned and streamlined its structure for the management of Information Technology. NAVSUP's CIO, **Ms. Ruth Sanders**, has been assigned a leadership role in IT visioning, planning, policy development, resource allocation, and transformation savings attainment. Headquarters will maintain an IT staff of only the minimum size needed to perform these key planning and resource management responsibilities and to provide executive-level direction and representation where needed. **SUP 06** has been disestablished, and that organization's major IT program management responsibilities, such as managing NAVSUP's transition to the NMCI, have been transferred to **NAVSISA**.

so that the circumferential position of a defect can be recorded in its mass storage module. When the pig has run its course, it is recovered in a special receiving station. The information is retrieved and is studied. A preliminary safety report is issued within 21 days. The preliminary report determines whether the pipeline can remain operational until a more precise and final report is issued.

Before the smart pig can make its journey, a cleaning pig, a gauging pig and a dumb pig are run through the pipeline. The cleaning pig removes scale and debris from inside the pipeline. The gauging pig verifies the internal diameter, and the dumb pig, which resembles the smart pig, is sent through to make sure that the smart pig

can make the journey without interruption.

These precautions are necessary because no pipeline runs in a straight line. As the pipe meanders its way to MCAS Miramar, it bends and twists along the way. The right angles in the pipeline must have radii that will support the use of a smart pig.

It is important to take all the necessary precautions not to get the pig stuck in the pipe. Smart pigs cost about \$4.5 million or more. If the pig gets stuck in the pipe, chances are it will have to be cut out.

The demand for smart pig inspections to satisfy pipeline safety regulations makes them a rare breed of pig – one you can't do business without!